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1. Part of Headquarters 8 Division left Stara Zagora for Elhovo about the end of January 1949.
2. Eight light tanks and 100 trucks have been delivered to 12 Infantry Regiment.
3. The motor transport units of the following regiments have 100 trucks each:

6 Infantry Regiment
9 Infantry Regiment
11 Infantry Regiment
12 Infantry Regiment
21 Infantry Regiment
24 Infantry Regiment

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These regiments are being reorganized to bring them into line with Soviet regiments. The organization is as follows:

Three battalions
Special battalion
Mortar company
Light howitzer battery
Anti-aircraft battery

4. The mortar company of 11 Infantry Regiment consists of three heavy mortars on thick rubber tires. The remainder are light mortars with a range of 2,700 - 2,800 meters.
5. The chemical company of the special battalion is composed of a gas section and a flame-thrower section.
6. The engineer company of the special battalion has a pontoon bridge of 12 rubber boats (Soviet type).
7. New Soviet W/T equipment has been supplied to the signal company.
8. Each regiment has an assault company, composed of snipers armed with Soviet automatic rifles, with telescopic sights. Recruits are from selected Communists.


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9. Four light tanks, three heavy tanks and 20 trucks loaded with small shells, arrived at Elhovo from Sliven on 4 March 1949. One of the heavy tanks left later. The four light tanks are now attached to 11 Infantry Regiment.
10. An anti-tank battalion has arrived at Elhovo.
11. After being equipped with new Soviet guns, 2 Anti-Tank Battalion has been expanded into a regiment. One battalion is at Harmanli, one at Smolyan, and one at Stara Zagora.